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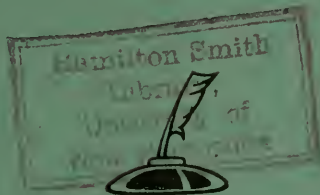
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## **TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1928-1929**

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Moderator

L. F. WYMAN

Selectmen

BENJAMIN F. McNAMEE    WALLACE CHILSON  
SUMNER F. MERRILL

School Board

LEON K. BOUTELLE                      M. W. PERRY  
MRS. MARION L. CASS

Town Treasurer

Z. B. KEMP

Tax Collector

M. W. PERRY

Town Clerk

W. W. SLOAN

Road Agent

R. W. WESTON

Auditors

R. H. PRINCE

M. D. CLARK

Supervisors of Check List

H. H. WILKINS    M. W. PERRY    Z. B. KEMP

Trustees of Trust Funds

L. F. WYMAN    F. W. BROWN    H. H. WILKINS

Health Officer

W. W. GOODALE

Fire Wards

W. W. SLOAN    F. O. STEVENS    A. L. MARTIN

Forest Fire Warden

W. W. SLOAN

Sexton of Cemeteries  
GEORGE A. JENKINS

Chief of Police  
JAMES H. ATKINSON

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber  
FRED W. HUBBARD                      VOSCOE PLUMMER

Tree Warden  
W. L. YOUNG

# **Warrant for Annual Meeting**

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## **THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the  
County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified  
to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at town hall in  
said town on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, at  
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the follow-  
ing subject:

1. To elect one Selectman for a term of three  
years.

2. To choose all other necessary town officers.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be nec-  
essary to defray town charges for the ensuing year  
and make appropriations for the same.

4. To see if the town will vote to erect a fence  
around the new part of cemetery and raise and ap-  
propriate money for the same.

5. To see what disposition the town will vote to  
make of the Parker buildings and instruct the Se-  
lectmen in regard to same.

6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate  
a sum sufficient for repairs on Town Library.

7. To see if the town will vote to continue allow-  
ance of discount on taxes.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and ap-  
propriate \$180.00 for a road machine.

9. To see if the town will vote to accept and  
maintain road from Ponemah road to the Dowing  
farm.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise the rent of the town hall.

11. To see if the town will vote to close certain roads.

12. To see if the town will vote to complete with State Aid the road from Amherst village to Ponemah Crossing and raise and appropriate sufficient money for same.

Given under our hand and seal this 25th day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

BENJAMIN F. McNAMEE,

WALLACE CHILSON,

SUMNER F. MERRILL,

Selectmen of Amherst.

## INVENTORY OF TOWN FOR 1928

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Land and buildings	\$1,236,180 00
Horses, 167	16,600 00
Asses and mules, 1	140 00
Cows, 385	24,720 00
Neat stock, 11	500 00
Hogs, 21	230 00
Hens, 4,447	4,447 00
Vehicles	2,250 00
Portable mills, 4	1,500 00
Wood, bark and timber	19,791 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks, 13	2,175 00
Stock in trades	14,600 00
Aqueducts	1,400 00
Boats	200 00

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\$1,309,998 00

Number of polls	474
Exemption for service men	\$14,735.00
Amount of taxes	\$39,958.54
Tax rate, \$2.98	
School rate, \$1.20	

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## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1928-1929

Town officers' salaries	\$1100 00
Town officers' expenses	600 00
Election and registration	150 00
Town hall	100 00
Police	300 00
Fire department	900 00
Moth extermination	150 00
Health department	50 00
Vital statistics	25 00
Trunk line maintenance	4000 00



Town road maintenance	5500 00
Snow and fence	600 00
Street lighting	1110 00
General expense of department	300 00
Town library	450 00
Town aid	300 00
Memorial day	100 00
Parks and playgrounds	150 00
Cemeteries	750 00
Clock	50 00
Interest on cemetery funds	121 00
Interest Baboosic road note	50 00
Interest on short term notes	350 00
Payment on Baboosic road note	1000 00
Schools	15616 00
State tax	3423 60
County tax	2800 00
Baboosic road to lake	1306 00
Payment on cemetery funds	535 00
Pump in town hall	125 00
Painting fire engine house	50 00
New fire hose	300 00
Pine tree blister rust	300 00
Painting bridges	500 00
Increase of town hall janitor's salary	25 00
Iron beams for town hall floor	180 00
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	\$43,366 60

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### ESTIMATED EXPENSE FOR ENSUING YEAR

1. Town officers' salaries	\$1300 00
2. Town officers' expense	600 00
3. Election and registration	100 00
4. Town hall	150 00
5. Police	400 00

6. Fire department	900 00
7. Moth extermination and new pump	300 00
8. Health department	50 00
9. Vital statistics	15 00
10. Trunk line maintenance, state to pay	
\$4,000.00	2000 00
11. State aid maintenance	320 00
12. Highways and bridges	4000 00
13. For permanent highway work	1306 00
14. Snow	500 00
15. Street lighting	1200 00
16. General expense of department	200 00
17. Town library	400 00
18. Town aid	300 00
19. Memorial day	100 00
20. Parks and playgrounds	150 00
21. Cemeteries	500 00
22. Clock	30 00
23. Interest on cemetery trust funds	120 00
24. Interest on Baboosic road note	50 00
25. Interest on short term notes	750 00
26. School district	13,000 00
27. State tax—Estimated	3423 00
28. County tax—Estimated	2800 00
29. Payment on cemetery trust funds	500 00
30. Baboosic road note	1000 00
31. Parker place note	1000 00
32. For discount on 1928 tax	368 00
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	\$37,832 00

NOTE—Estimated tax rate on above appropriations  
with valuation as of 1928 will be \$2.52

# Report of Town Treasurer

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## Receipts

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1928, from last year	\$109	77
M. W. Perry, Coll., 1926 taxes	5	20
M. W. Perry, Coll., 1927 taxes	4515	68
M. W. Perry, Coll., 1928 taxes	34,097	70
M. W. Perry, Coll., int. on taxes	61	62
M. W. Perry, Coll., credit for abatements	463	31
W. W. Sloan, auto permits	1404	06
W. W. Sloan, dog licenses	347	40
Men's Club of Amherst, rent of town hall	50	00
Souhegan Grange No. 10, rent of town hall	50	00
The "Jolly Seven", rent of town hall	90	00
State Treas., railroad tax	252	61
State Treas., savings bank tax	1903	77
State Treas., interest and dividends	533	46
State Treas., highway dept.	3234	77
State, Treas., forestry dept.	29	80
County Treas., board of children	338	61
County Treas., paupers	286	00
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, short term notes	18,000	00
Trustees of Trust Funds, Fiske highway fund	91	02
Town of Mont Vernon, school tax for 1927	73	14
Town of New Boston, school tax for 1927	127	15
Geo. A. Jenkins, sale of cemetery lots (W. A. and L. A. Proctor)	20	00
Geo. A. Jenkins, sale of cemetery lots (Harriett B. Patterson)	12	00
E. E. Fuller, sale of old stove from town hall	3	00
F. F. Hadley, damage to traffic light	10	00
R. W. Weston, sale of tools	5	59
W. C. Dunklee, rent of Parker place	10	00
W. C. Converse, dynamite	8	25
E. Neumann, junk dealer's license	5	00

I. Mushlin, junk dealer's license	5 00
A. M. Ryan, bowling alley license	15 00
Good Roads Mach. Co., sale of old grader	10 00
A. B. Butman, spraying trees	3 50
R. A. Spalding, spraying trees	7 50
W. Chilson, spraying trees	50
Frank Noyes, spraying trees	1 00
M. D. Clark, spraying trees	3 00
R. D. Ware, spraying trees	6 00
Nettie E. Lyons, for Library Trust Funds	500 00
Alice F. Parker, for Cemetery Trust Funds	100 00
S. H. Thompson, for Cemetery Trust Funds	100 00
Mrs. H. E. Babcock, for Cem't'y Trust Funds	100 00
Arthur H. Parker Est., for Cem. Trust Funds	200 00
Mary L. Barrett, for Cemetery Trust Funds	100 00
Frank B. Towne, for Cemetery Trust Funds	100 00
Jennie B. Everett, for Cemetery Trust Funds	100 00

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Total Receipts for Year	\$67,490 50
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#### PAYMENTS

Paid out by orders of the Selectmen	\$66,912 39
Bal. on hand Jan. 31, 1929	578 11

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Total	\$67,490 50
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#### RECAPITULATION

##### Liabilities

Milford Road Loan at 5 % (M. W. Perry)	\$1000 00
Cemetery Funds Note @ 4 % (Trustees of Trust Funds)	3000 00
Amherst School Dist. (bal. approp'n 28-29)	7000 00
Amherst School District, dog tax for 1928	247 23
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, short term notes	7000 00
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, Parker place note at 5 %	1000 00

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Total Liabilities	\$19,247 23
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Assets	
Cash in Town Treasury Jan. 31, 1929	\$578 11
Amount of uncollected taxes	5578 96
Due from the state (snow)	146 33
Due from the county	271 40
Due from Town New Boston (school tax '28)	175 20
Due from Town Mt. Vernon (school tax '28)	71 52
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Total Assets	\$6821 52

Amt. of Town Indebtedness, Jan. 31, '29 \$12,425 71

Z. B. KEMP,  
Treasurer of Town of Amherst, N. H.

Amherst, N. H., Feb. 8, 1929.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors of Town of Amherst.

# Report of Selectmen

## Town Officers' Salaries:

Appropriation \$1100.00

M. W. Perry, tax collector	\$200 00
Z. B. Kemp, treasurer	125 00
W. W. Sloan, town clerk	100 00
B. F. McNamee, selectman	250 00
Sumner F. Merrill, selectman	250 00
Wallace Chilson, selectman	250 00

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\$1175 00

## Town Officers' Expense:

Appropriation \$600.00

M. W. Perry, post. & stationery	\$34 21
M. W. Perry, bonds of officers	44 00
Annie E. White, transfers	6 88
R. H. Prince, auditor 1926-1927	15 00
M. D. Clark, auditor 1926-1927	10 00
Jas. P. Melzer, station'y for treas.	2 95
Kittredge & Prescott, tax case	15 88
A. W. Rowell, assessors' assoc.	2 00
Wallace Chilson, rubber stamp	1 85
B. F. McNamee, use of car	52 72
Automatic Service Bureau	14 04
H. B. Burt, stamps and postage	27 04
Alice K. Peaslee, clerical work	25 00
Souhegan Nat. Bank, trustees' safe	
deposit box	5 00
Cabinet Press, town reports	256 27
Cabinet Press, supplies	19 45
Pauline Clark, warrants	1 00
A. L. Martin, supplies	2 22
W. F. French Est., supplies	1 36
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	8 54
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., tolls	10 60

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### **Election and Registration:**

Appropriation \$150.00

L. F. Wyman, moderator	\$30 00
W. A. Proctor	5 00
F. W. Brown	30 00
Z. B. Kemp	5 00
M. W. Perry	35 00
Harold H. Wilkins	35 00
Cabinet Press, supplies	23 00
James Atkinson	4 00
Geo. Bennett	15 00
W. W. Goodale	5 00
Marion L. Dodge	10 00
Mrs. Fannie L. Clark	10 00

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\$207 00

### **Town Hall:**

Note—\$125.00 appropriated for pump, \$180.00 for iron beams, \$100.00 for care of hall, \$190.00 received for rent, total \$595.00

W. B. Rotch, insurance	\$25 00
Geo. L. Goodale, installing iron beams	180 00
F. C. Taylor, town hall pump	95 50
H. R. Locke, work and supplies	15 80
M. W. Perry, insurance	87 50
A. L. Martin, supplies	21 68
F. C. Taylor, work	1 00
Public Service Co., lights	91 12
Geo. L. Goodale, supplies and work on doors	63 43
A. W. Converse, painting	10 55
Bergami Hardware Co., supplies	1 15
Haseltine & Caldwell, kindling	6 00
John Parkhurst, work on doors	2 00
A. R. Merrill, work on doors	1 00
W. W. Sloan, janitor	75 00

Chas. Pherson, wood	8 50
American La France Co., ex- tinguisher	10 50
Frank Hartshorn Co., lumber	14 04
Geo. W. Moore, stove, pipe, labor	48 50
Piper McIntire Co., tuning piano, etc.	18 50
John F. Pesterfield, wood	22 00
Roy S. Parker, wood	36 00
Chas. E. Teed, labor on doors	2 00

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### Police:

#### Appropriation \$300.00

Jas. H. Atkinson, care of tramps	\$17 00
Jas. H. Atkinson, Feb. '28 services	19 00
Clark's Garage, transportation to and from jails	30 00
Norman E. Howe, trip to Tilton, N. H., and Leominster, Mass.	30 00
Paid James H. Atkinson:	
March 1928, chief	7 00
Services for disturbance case	3 00
Recovering stolen property	1 00
Raid for liquor	2 00
Inspection at Lake cottages	2 00
April 1928, chief	7 00
Call for family disturbance	2 00
Town meeting	4 00
Court case	2 00
Phone	85
Inspecting cottages at Lake	2 00
May 1928, chief	7 00
Inspecting cottages at Lake	2 00
June 1928, chief	7 00
Trouble call	1 00
Trouble call	1 00



Dance at Lake, outside	4 00
Court, use of car	1 00
Inspecting cottages at Lake	2 00
July 1928, chief	7 00
Five Saturday nights at Lake	20 00
Court case	2 00
Auto accident	2 00
Aug. 1928, chief	7 00
July 3, July 4, July 5, services	20 00
Extra officers for above dates	18 00
Disturbance at Lake	2 00
Dance at Lake, outside, July 7	5 00
Accident at village, July 11	1 00
Dance at Lake, outside, July 14	5 00
Court case, July 16	4 00
Services, July 17,	1 00
Services, July 17,	1 00
Disturbance, Ponemah, July 18	2 00
Auto case, July 18	1 00
Dance at Lake & picnic, July 21	7 00
Sunday at Lake, July 22	3 00
Dance at Lake, July 24	5 00
At Lake, July 25	1 00
Dance at Lake, July 26	5 00
Sunday at Lake, July 29	3 00
Search for thief with	
Norman Howe, July 30	8 00
Dance at Lake, July 31	4 00
Sept. 1928, chief	7 00
Aug. 2, dance at Lake	4 50
Aug. 4, dance at Lake	4 00
Aug. 5, disturbance at Lake	3 00
Aug. 5, Sunday at Lake	3 00
Aug. 6, from 12 a. m. to 2	
a. m. at Lake	2 00
Aug. 7, dance at Lake	4 00

Aug. 7, 2 a. m. at Lake	2 00
Aug. 8, court case	2 00
Aug. 8, to Lancaster after thief	5 00
Aug. 9, dance till 2 a. m., Lake	5 00
Aug. 9, trip for thief	5 00
Aug. 10, serv. till 2 a. m., Lake	2 00
Aug. 11, dance at Lake and auto accident	5 00
Aug. 12, drowning case, Lake	5 00
Aug. 13, disturbance at Lake	2 00
Aug. 14, dance at Lake	4 00
Aug. 15, disturbance at Lake	2 00
Aug. 16, dance at Lake	4 00
Aug. 17, disturbance at Lake	2 00
Aug. 18, dance till 2 a. m., Lake	5 00
Aug. 19, at Lake	3 00
Aug. 21, dance at Lake	4 00
Aug. 23, dance at Lake	4 00
Aug. 25, dance at Lake and disturbance	5 00
Aug. 26, Sunday night	2 00
Aug. 28, dance at Lake	4 00
Aug. 30, dance at Lake	4 00
Sept. 1928, chief	7 00
Sept. 1, 2, 3, dances at Lake	15 00
Sept. 6, 7, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, dances at Lake	40 00
Oct. 1928, chief	7 00
Oct., 2 dances at Lake	8 00
3 trips to Concord, N. H.	5 00
Nov. 1928, chief	7 00
Dec. 1928, chief	7 00
Dec. 21, accident on road	2 00
Dec. 21, fire at Lake	1 00
Dec. 30, disturbance	1 00
Jan. 1929, chief	7 00

Inspecting camps at Lake	2 00	
Jan. 21, breaking and enter- ing, Lake	2 00	
Clark's Garage, Feb. 1928, to Worcester, etc.	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$519 35

### Fire Department:

Note—Appropriation, \$900.00, appropriation for  
hose \$300.00, appropriation for painting house  
\$50.00, total \$1250.00

F. F. Boutelle, paint'g fire house	\$47 80
W. W. Sloan, chief fire warden	25 00
W. W. Sloan, services for men	101 00
W. W. Sloan, forest fire warden	25 00
W. W. Sloan, janitor	75 00
W. W. Sloan, services for men	102 40
Public Service Co., lights	24 68
Clark's Garage, material and work on apparatus	43 87
A. L. Martin, 500 ft. hose	281 53
A. L. Martin, fire warden	15 00
A. L. Martin, supplies	93 70
L. F. Wyman, salary for firemen	200 00
L. F. Wyman, water	30 00
David Whiting & Sons, coal	29 07
Edward Blue, snow	10 85
M. W. Perry & Son, insurance	72 79
F. C. Taylor, water	10 00
F. C. Taylor, supplies and work	7 28
H. R. Locke, supplies and work	32 50
Allen Howard, at Lake	5 00
John Sprague, services	5 00
Roy Parker, wood	3 00
Frank Noyes, water	10 00
Fred Stevens, fireward	15 00
Geo. E. Parker, wood	3 00

Haseltine & Caldwell, coal	9 00	
J. H. Atkinson, Larner fire	3 00	
Mark Bennett, Nelson fire	4 00	
J. J. Casey, Barrett lot fire	24 00	
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#### **Town Clock:**

Appropriation	\$50.00	
Chas. Pherson, rope and labor	\$16 75	
Chas. Pherson, care of town clock	25 00	
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#### **Moth Extermination:**

Appropriation	\$150.00	
Brackett & Shaw, new engine		
for sprayer	\$70 00	
Clark's Garage, labor & supplies	2 05	
Barber Plumbing & Heating Co.,		
supplies	2 08	
American Raily Express, express		
on engine	4 37	
Guy Nelson, labor	18 25	
Milford Mach. Works, work		
and supplies—engine	18 48	
John Pesterfield, labor	35 50	
A. L. Martin, supplies	20 28	
	<hr/>	\$171 01

#### **Blister Rust Control:**

Appropriation	\$300.00	
State Forestry Dept.		\$300.00

#### **Bounties:**

Voscoe Plummer, hedgehogs	\$ 60	
Charles D. Hale, hedgehog	20	
Richard Sherman, hedgehogs	80	
B. F. McNamee, hedgehogs	40	
	<hr/>	\$2 00

### **Damage by Dogs:**

E. A. Caldwell, 14 hens killed		
by dogs	\$28 00	
C. W. Going, 6 hens killed by		
dogs	15 00	
Alvin J. Hanson, 7 pullets killed		
by dogs	14 00	
James P. Melzer, printing	3 50	
Edson C. Eastman, tags, etc.	7 67	
J. H. Atkinson	32 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 17

### **Health Department:**

Appropriation \$50.00

W. W. Goodale, service	\$37 15	
Cabinet Press, printing	1 20	
Dr. Oscar Burns, vaccinations	28 00	
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### **Vital Statistics:**

Appropriation \$25.00

W. W. Sloan	\$13 00
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### **Trustees of Trust Funds:**

Daniel F. Secomb and Samuel H.	
Babcock, cemet'y lots funds	100 00
W. A. Mack, cemetery lot fund	100 00
Chas. M. and Phillip S. Barrett,	
cemetery lot fund	100 00
Arthur H. Parker, Granville and	
Hannah Parker, cemetery	
lots funds	200 00
Fred H. Parker Fund, cemetery	
lot fund	100 00
Geo. W. George Fund for library	500 00
Robinson-Everett, cemetery lot	
fund	100 00

On principal of Trust funds owed		
by town	535	00
Int. on Trust funds owed by town	141	40
Town-Wilson, cemtery lot fund	100	00
	<hr/>	\$1976 40

### **Trunk Line Maintenance:**

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
R. P. Bryant, services of self		
and men, etc.	\$3272	61
W. B. Crooker, services	1061	53
Fred H. Prince, tar application		
and sanding	2056	71
F. J. Ames, painting fences	436	12
J. A. Casey, labor	65	42
	<hr/>	\$6892 39
Paid back by state	\$3234.77	

### **State Aid Snow Account**

1928-1929		
F. E. Everett, 1927-28 balance	\$35	97
Arthur H. Todd	51	75
J. A. Casey, sanding road	39	00
R. P. Bryant and men, sanding		
road	110	00
R. P. Bryant and men, erecting		
snow fence	56	25
Due from State	\$146.48	
	<hr/>	\$292 97

### **Town Road Maintenance:**

Appropriation	\$4,000.00; appropriation	\$1,500.00
for flood damage, Fisk fund	\$91.02, total	\$5,591.02
Richard W. Weston	\$5695	71
E. E. Fuller	50	00
	<hr/>	\$5745 71

### **Town Snow Account:**

Appropriation \$600.00

North East Metal Culvert Co.,		
snow fence	\$96 04	
Clark's Garage, breaking road	4 00	
R. W. Weston	140 70	
	<hr/>	\$240 74

### **Baboosic Road:**

Appropriation \$1306.00

R. W. Weston		\$1307 44
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### **Bridges—Painting:**

Appropriation \$500.00

State Highway Dept.	\$212 16	
F. C. Taylor	24 33	
Seth Pusby	228 19	
W. B. Reynolds	30 20	
	<hr/>	\$494 88

### **Bridges—Repairs:**

R. W. Weston, work on Ponemah	
bridge abutment	\$237 30
flood damage of 1927	

### **Street Lighting:**

Appropriation \$1110.00

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$1127 12	
H. C. Gault, street lights at Lake	81 75	
H. R. Locke, work and material,		
traffic lights	40 19	
A. L. Martin, globes, traffic lights	3 40	
	<hr/>	\$1252 46

### **General Expense of Department:**

Appropriation \$300.00

John Hanson, water 1928	\$3 00
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R. W. Weston, for John Hanson,		
water 1927	3	00
C. H. Ollis, road signs	18	00
John Parkhurst, gathering ashes	50	00
Elizabeth Bean, water to Nov. 30,		
1929	16	00
Harry Boutelle, water	3	00
L. S. Rowe, road signs	11	58
W. W. Sloan, ex. in road signs	1	91
F. C. Taylor, work on town pump	3	15
Mark Bennett, cutt'g wood at dump	4	50
		\$114 14

### **Town Library:**

Appropriation	\$450.00
Flora A. Hanson	\$450 00

### **Town Aid:**

Appropriation	\$300.00
Mattie Conrey, allowance	\$120 00
Angeline M. Ryan, rent for Miss	
Conrey	96 00
	\$216 00

### **County Aid:**

Mrs. John R. Horne, board of	
children	\$312 75
Elgin J. Bartlett, wood for	
Doucette	31 50
Marion L. Cass, for Mrs. James	
Smith	10 80
A. L. Martin, goods for Geo.	
Merrill	104 00
A. L. Martin, goods Wm. Webster	17 13
A. L. Martin, goods Medora Stre-	
veno	13 22
A. L. Martin, goods for Doucette	30 00



A. L. Martin, good for John Elliot	4 84	
Dr. Oscar Burns, services Albert Junkins	20 00	
Dr. Oscar Burns, s'rvices Doucette	79 25	
Dr. Oscar Burns, services Philbrook	14 50	
Dr. Oscar Burns, services for Jordan	16 50	
Dr. Oscar Burns, services for Mrs. James Smith	15 00-	
James Allen, wood for Doucette	10 50	
B. F. McNamee, auto to Grasmere for McClellan	3 04	
B. F. McNamee, auto McClellan and Albert Junkins	10 00	
James P. Cassidy, to Concord for Albert Junkins	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$705 03
Due from County \$271.40		

#### **Parks and Playgrounds:**

Appropriation \$150.00

John Parkhurst, labor	\$50 00	
Amherst Pioneers, labor	50	
J. H. Atkinson, labor	50 00	
Geo. Howard, labor	7 90	
Clark's Garage, cartage, etc.	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$110 40

#### **Cemeteries:**

Appropriation \$750.00

George Jenkins, labor	\$369 22	
Chas. Pettingale, labor	14 50	
A. P. Stevens, labor	133 60	
Forrest Peterson, labor	31 20	
A. L. Martin, supplies	8 50	

C. H. Davis, labor	11 00	
Rev. Geo. F. Sibley, drawing	2 25	
B. F. Foster, hearse hire	136 00	
W. B. Rotch, insurance on Parker place	15 00	
F. C. Taylor, labor and material	35 99	
Chas. Pherson, labor	57 75	
L. F. Wyman, hearse	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$823 01

#### **Tax Abatements:**

M. W. Perry	\$463 31
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#### **State Tax:**

Appropriation \$3423.60	
Henry E. Chamberlin	\$3423 60

#### **County Tax:**

Appropriation \$2800.00	
James H. Shenton	\$2660 15

#### **Interest:**

Appropriation \$400.00	
John A. Boutelle, int. on Baboosic road note	\$25 00
M. W. Perry, int. on Baboosic road note	50 00
Souhegan National Bank, int. on short term notes	661 48
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	\$736 48

#### **Temporary Loan Notes:**

Souhegan National Bank	\$18,000 00
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#### **Baboosic Road Note:**

Appropriation \$1,000.00	
John A. Boutelle, Est.	\$1000 00

### **School District:**

Appropriation 1928-1929 \$15,616.00

Z. B. Kemp, school treas., on		
1927 appropriation	\$5536 00	
Z. B. Kemp, school treas., on		
1928-29 appropriation	8616 00	
	<hr/>	\$14152 00

### **Dog Tax:**

Z. B. Kemp, school treas.	\$227 96
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### **Memorial Day:**

Appropriation \$100.00

A. L. Martin, supplies	\$9 19	
F. W. Brown, milk	20	
Boston Regalia Co., flags	8 50	
F. F. Richardson, express and		
doughnuts	1 75	
Mrs. G. F. Hoeg, wreaths	13 50	
Laurel Band	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$93 14

Total Payments by Selectmen	\$66,912 39
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BENJAMIN F. McNAMEE,  
WALLACE CHILSON,  
SUMNER F. MERRILL,  
Selectmen.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors

## ABATEMENTS OF TAXES 1927

Nichols place, dist. 2, taxed twice	\$78 00
Harvey H. Donaghey, taxed twice	3 90
Joseph Langolis, taxed twice	21 58
H. A. Junkins Est., abated	62 40
Gustave Peterson, overtax	5 20
Lewis E. Lacy, overtax	2 60
Charles Contrite Est., overtax	22 00
Ferdinand J. Cote, overtax	13 00
Edith F. Norcross, overtax	4 88
Leonard Reed, overtax	1 95
Percy M. Odell, overtax	13 00
Jessie C. Fletcher, overtax	11 00
John H. Dodge Est., overtax	13 00
Frank W. Crooker, overtax	2 75
Norman Howe, overtax	10 10
Samuel Boudreau, overtax	1 30
Eldora L. Wheeler, overtax	1 56
George A. Parker, overtax	2 00
F. E. Goggle, overtax	13 00
W. E. Esterbrook, veteran	13 00
Wilfred Mitchell, veteran	15 60
Philip Nute, veteran	2 00
Harold C. Gault, veteran	2 00
J. W. White, error	13 00
Julia Collins, over 70	2 00
Rosilinda Emerson, over 70	2 00
Robert Goodale, over 70	2 00
Charles Green, left town	4 60
Timothy Burns, left town	2 00
Ernest Burgerson and wife, left town	4 00
Frank Field, left town	2 00
Archie Blair, left town	2 00
Ruth Fogg, under age	2 00
W. E. Davidson and wife, pay elsewhere	4 00
C. M. Rimback and wife, pay elsewhere	4 00

George Ladd and wife, pay elsewhere	4 00
Ralph Currier and wife, pay elsewhere	4 00
Willis Chandler and wife, pay elsewhere	4 00
Joseph Landry and wife, pay elsewhere	4 00
Egio Consigli, pays elsewhere	2 00
Non-Resident Property Sold for Taxes	

May 31, 1928:

Clara E. Long	44 33
Albert Cuddy	5 10
Benjamin Jameson	27 96
Cost of advertising	8 50

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\$463 31

M. W. PERRY,  
Collector.

# Report of Tax Collector

## Tax of 1928

Dr.

To amt. of taxes as assessed	\$39,958 54	
To amt. of extra tax	86 70	
	<hr/>	\$40,045 24

Cr.

By paid town treasurer	\$34,097 70	
Less 3 % discount allowed to		
July 1	368 58	
Uncollected in hands of coll.	5578 96	
	<hr/>	\$40,045 24

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR 1927

Dr.

To amount due town Feb. 1, 1928	\$4978 99
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Cr.

By paid town treasurer	\$4515 68	
By paid abatements	463 31	
	<hr/>	\$4978 99

## Interest Account

Dr.

To amount collected	\$61 62
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Cr.

By paid town treasurer	\$61 62
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## Collected Taxes of 1926

Dr.

To amount collected	\$5 20
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Cr.

By paid town treasurer	\$5 20
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M. W. PERRY,  
Collector.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors.

# Report of Highway Agent

R. W. WESTON, AGENT 1927-1928

## Town Road Maintenance 1928

Robert T. Weston	\$154 01
George Parker	388 05
A. B. Hubley	389 25
R. W. Weston (car)	139 00
John Taylor	138 25
Walter Dunklee	339 29
Frank Bills	355 35
Guy Bills	178 14
Roland Goodale	127 60
Guy Nelson	40 40
Walter Ingerson	145 10
Charles O'Brien	14 00
Roland Anderson	73 75
Daniel Wetherbee	99 60
E. P. West (team	255 10
R. W. Weston (teams)	870 90
Roy Parker (truck)	164 45
George Boutelle (truck)	129 45
R. W. Weston	589 38
Frank Hartshorn Co.	40 00
F. A. Stockley (cement pipe)	113 30
M. F. Goodale	31 55
New England Road Mach. Co.	3 50
Leonard Stockwell	2 40
Robert Bryant	1 50
Harry Boutelle	14 00
Albert Junkins	1 75
John Hanson	30 80
James D. Allen	8 75
E. H. Peaslee	16 80
American Express	2 35



Norman Philbrook	28 00
W. F. French Est.	25 80
W. J. Armstrong	16 00
B. F. McNamee	1 50
Good Road Machinery Co.	23 50
H. M. Hayward	30 40
Bergami Hardware & Elec. Co.	3 00
Horace Hanson	12 00
John H. Downing	6 40
Howard R. Locke	2 25
Carl Ladd	33 00
Fred Hubbard	16 20
E. E. Fuller	110 00
Mary J. Campbell	9 00
C. W. Holt	1 75
Mark Bennett	3 60
V. H. Plummer	6 75
Kendall & Wilkins	14 00
Edwin Hanson	1 00
P. M. Odell	22 00
A. L. Martin	13 84
A. Travis	64 20
Thomas Harvell	155 80
Charles Pherson	44 00
George Summers	25 60
Harold Anderson	3 50
John Fletcher	1 40
Pauline Clark	5 00
Granville Roby	2 00
Benjamin Monson	30 00
Algot Monson	15 75
Gravel:	
Mrs. Annie Goodrich	24 00
L. A. Potter	7 10
H. M. Odell	12 30
Andrew Arnold	24 00

E. P. West	12 30	
Thomas Harvell	4 70	
Aaron Emerson	9 60	
Charles H. Fields	14 20	
Andrew Faber	13 40	
Lettie E. Hatch	2 60	
George Field	2 60	
L. F. Wyman	4 70	
H. W. Newton	2 30	
Mrs. Herbert Noble	8 60	
Charles Pettingale	6 70	
Luther Converse Est.	1 70	
W. L. Young	2 00	
Edward Fogg	23 80	
		<hr/> \$5745 71

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RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors.

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### **Baboosic Road 1928**

A. B. Hubley	\$60 52
Chas. Pherson (team)	82 94
R. W. Weston (teams)	171 14
Clarence Frost	42 65
Walter Ingerson	38 75
Chas. O'Brien	30 00
Guy Nelson	33 50
Chas. Pettingale (gravel)	107 55
Roland Anderson	70 25
George Parker	66 69
E. P. West (team)	112 50

Walter Dunklee	59 07	
Robert Weston	8 44	
John Taylor	33 50	
Guy Bills	30 94	
Daniel Wetherbee	70 25	
Frank Bills	61 07	
R. W. Weston (car)	17 25	
Roland Goodale	59 75	
Fred Kimball	28 25	
Leroy Gilmore	1 50	
Oliver Kimball	28 25	
A. Smith	5 25	
Louis Smith	5 25	
Fred Smith	5 25	
R. W. Weston	76 93	
		<hr/> \$1307 44

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RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors.

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**Ponemah Bridge**

Guy Bills	\$15 00
George Parker	15 00
Robert Weston	22 50
Frank Bills	11 25
A. B. Hubley	11 25
Walter Dunklee	11 25
John Taylor	80
Roland Goodale	80
Walter Ingerson	80
M. F. Goodale	15 00

John V. Varick	23 75	
Elgin Bartlett	10 95	
R. W. Weston (car)	5 00	
R. W. Weston (teams)	29 75	
D. Whiting & Son	21 25	
W. F. French Est.	4 95	
R. W. Weston	38 00	
	<hr/>	\$237 30

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors.

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#### Snow Account 1928

Guy Nelson	\$3 50	
Clark's Garage	3 75	
Robert Bryant	14 00	
John Parkhurst	5 00	
Fred Hubbard	4 60	
Norman Philbrook	6 00	
R. H. Hare	7 60	
E. P. West	37 10	
Chas. Pherson	13 30	
Thomas Harvell	12 00	
R. W. Weston	10 75	
R. W. Weston (teams)	3 50	
E. P. Fowle	20 10	
R. W. Weston (car)	3 50	
Snow fence	96 04	
	<hr/>	\$240 74

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors.

## Report of Town Clerk

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This is to certify I have issued permits for registration of motor vehicles from February 1, 1928 to February 1, 1929, to the amount of \$1517 06  
Less commission on 452 113 00

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Paid town treasurer \$1404 06

W. W. SLOAN,  
Town Clerk.

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Amherst, Feb. 1, 1929.

This is to certify that I as Town Clerk have received for the year 1928 dog licenses as follows:

119 male dogs	\$238 00
20 female dogs	100 00
2 kennel licenses	37 00
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	\$375 00
Less commission	27 60
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	\$347 40

W. W. SLOAN,  
Town Clerk.

Amherst, N. H., Feb. 8, 1929.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors.

# Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

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Dr.

Cash on hand	\$1516 41
Cash received	1123 79
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	\$2640 20

Cr.

Total amount cash	\$2640 20
Total amount expended	1565 06
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Cash beginning of year	\$1075 14

(In checking account, Souhegan National Bank, \$474.14; in savings account, Souhegan National Bank, \$600.00.)

LINDLEY F. WYMAN,  
HAROLD H. WILKINS,  
Trustees.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

RÓDNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors.

# Report of the Trust Funds for the Town of Amherst for the Year Ending January 31, 1929

Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Extended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
Amalgamated Cem. Fund No. 1	Amoskeag Savings Bank Accrued Interest	\$8,775 00 330 26		\$660 73		\$321 22	\$339 51
Amalgamated Cem. Fund No. 2	Mechanics Savings Bank Accrued Interest	1,300 00 457 43					
	Interest not collected	120 93		445 00		74 99	370 01
Amalgamated Cem. Fund No. 3	Note of Town of Amherst	3,000 00		15 68	141 40	137 97	19 11
	Souhegan National Bank	535 00		351 78			346 51
	Souhegan National Bank						
	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00		43 22			
	Accrued Interest	7 62			13 81	62 30	
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000 00			46 03	46 03	
	City Guaranty Bank	1,542 32			63 57	63 57	
	Merrimack River Bank	2,000 00			91 02	91 02	
	5 Shares Northern R. R.	500 00			36 00	36 00	
	15 Shares Peterborough R. R.	1,500 00			56 25	56 25	
	2000 City of Laconia Bonds	2,000 00			80 00	80 00	
	2000 Milford High Sch. Bonds	2,000 00			85 00	85 00	
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,500 00			69 05	69 05	
	N. H. Savings Bank	3,000 00			135 00	135 00	
	N. H. Savings Bank	5,000 00			225 00	225 00	
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000 00			46 03	46 03	
	Mechanics Savings Bank	500 00			22 50	22 50	
	Mechanics Savings Bank	500 00			13 13	13 13	
	Mechanics Savings Bank	1000 00					
	Amoskeag Savings Bank						
Accrued Int. Funds No. 1-2-3							
E. D. Boylston Cem. Fund							
E. D. Boylston Cem. Fund							
Joel Parker Cem. Fund							
Aaron Lawrence School Fund							
Fisk Highway Fund							
Lucretia Lawrence School Fund							
Spaulding School Fund							
Spaulding School Fund							
Spaulding School Fund							
Spaulding School Fund							
Mary P. Nutt School Fund							
Fannie Parsons French, Library							
Emma L. Clark, Library							
George W. George, Library							
David Fisk Cem. Fund							
(Transferred Cem. No. 2)							
Legacies \$100 each *							

\* Benjamin B. Whiting, Fred Parker, W. A. Macks, Secomb and Babcock, Arthur H. Parker (\$200), Frank B. Towne, Everett H. Robinson, Mary L. Barrett



# FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

## Amherst Town Library

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### OFFICERS

CHARLES L. CHASE	President
FLORA A. HANSON	Secretary and Treasurer
JENNIE HOLBROOK	Librarian

### Trustees

Charles Chase	Term expires March 1929
Bertha Piper	Term expires March 1929
L. F. Wyman	Term expires March 1930
Flora A. Hanson	Term expires March 1930
W. W. Sloan	Term expires March 1931
Caroline Fisher	Term expires March 1931

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Dr.

Balance	\$10 00
Appropriation	450 00
Fines	10 00
Parsons Fund	46 03
Parker Fund	34 91
Emma Clark Fund	22 50
Geo. Washington George Fund	13 13
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	\$586 57

#### Cr.

Books	\$182 06
Librarian	120 00
Fuel	58 61
Care of grounds	27 00
Magazines	60 50
Rebinding	38 41
Lights	17 00
Repairs	22 89

Printing	10 00	
Express, postage and telephone	6 67	
Supplies	11 90	
Balance	31 53	
		<hr/> \$586 57
	FLORA A. HANSON,	
	Treasurer.	

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,  
Auditors.

### RESOURCES

Number bound volumes at beginning of year	7263
Number bound volumes added by purchase	105
Number bound volumes added by gift	102
Federal, state and town documents added	5
Number volumes magazines added by binding	2
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Total	7477
Deduct number volumes discarded	38
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Total number of volumes at end of year	7439

### SERVICE

	Adult	Juv.	Total
Number volumes non-fiction lent	318	162	480
Number volumes fiction lent	4638	1421	6059
Number volumes unbound			
magazines lent	630	137	756
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Total circulation of current year	5586	1720	7306
Number of new borrowers added during year			45
Total number of active borrowers during year			282

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Board	Term Expires
Melvin W. Perry, Chairman	1930
Marion L. Cass, Secretary	1931
Leon K. Boutelle	1929

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Harold C. Bales, Milford, N. H.,	Superintendent
Z. B. Kemp	Treasurer
Harold H. Wilkins	Moderator
William W. Sloan	Clerk
James H. Atkinson	Truant Officer
Oscar Burns, M. D.	School Physician
Miss Emma L. Smith, R. N.	School Nurse

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1928-1929

Begin	Close
September 5, 1928	November 28, 1928
December 4, 1928	December 21, 1928
January 2, 1929	February 15, 1929
February 26, 1929	April 19, 1929
April 29, 1929	June 14, 1929
No School Days	October 12, May 30-31

## PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 1929-1930

September 4, 1929 to November 27, 1929	
December 3, 1929 to December 20, 1929	
January 6, 1930	*
*Remainder of calendar contingent upon weather	
No School Days	May 30, 1930

# Warrant for Annual Meeting

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the  
Town of Amherst, qualified to vote in district  
affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town  
Hall in said district on the 19th day of March 1929,  
at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the fol-  
lowing subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for  
the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year,  
July 1, 1929 to June 30, 1930.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the  
School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the com-  
pensation of any other officers or agents of the dis-  
trict.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors,  
Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote  
relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees  
in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any  
alteration in the amount of money required to be  
assessed for the ensuing year for the support of  
public schools and the payment of the statutory  
obligations of the district, as determined by the  
school board in its annual report.

9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for repairs and alterations of school property, for new equipment, and for insurance.

10. To see if the district will vote to sell any of its schoolhouses not now in use for school purposes or take any other action in relation thereto.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 18th day of February 1929.

MELVIN W. PERRY,  
LEON K. BOUTELLE,  
MARION L. CASS,  
School Board.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

### Financial Report of Amherst School District for Fiscal Year July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$19,595 05
TOTAL PAYMENTS	18,601 98
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Balance on hand June 30, 1928	\$993 07

#### RECEIPTS

##### From State:

Equalization fund (State Aid)	\$3,366 94
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##### From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:

##### By appropriation voted

March 1927	13,036 00	
By bal. due on '26-'27 acct.	900 00	
By amount overdrawn on 1928-		
1929 acct.	1000 00	
	<hr/>	\$14,936 00

##### From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Dog licenses	227 96	
Income from local trust funds	669 56	
Mont Vernon School District, high		
school tuition, H. Stroncer	90 00	
Sale of property	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$999 52

Total receipts from all sources	\$19,302 46
Total cash on hand July 1, 1927	292 59
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GRAND TOTAL	\$19,595 05
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## PAYMENTS

July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928

(Classification and numbering conform to state accounting system required in state aided district.)

### Administration:

1. Salaries of district officers	\$192 00	
2. Supt.'s excess salary	425 00	
3. Truant officer & school census	28 15	
4. Expenses of administration	229 49	
	<hr/>	\$874 64

### Instruction:

5. Teachers' salaries	\$10,295 33	
6. Text books	565 76	
7. Scholars' supplies	155 67	
8. Flags & appurtenances	15 25	
9. Other expenses of instruction	25 29	
	<hr/>	\$11,057 30

### Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

10. Janitor service	\$676 00	
11. Fuel	658 61	
12. Water, light, janitor's supplies	117 40	
13. Minor repairs and expenses	398 35	
	<hr/>	\$1850 36

### Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

14. Medical inspection	\$200 00	
15. Transportation of pupils	2358 60	
16. High school tuition	00 00	
17. Elementary school tuition	206 81	
18. Other special activities	00 00	
	<hr/>	\$2765 41

**Fixed Charges:**

19. Tax for state-wide supervision (\$2 per capita)	\$474 00	
20. Insurance and other fixed charges	44 08	
	<hr/>	\$518 08

**Outlay for Construction and Equipment:**

21. Lands and new buildings	\$00 00	
22. Alterations of old bldgs.	1498 99	
23. New equipment	37 20	
	<hr/>	\$1536 19

**Debt, Interest and Other Charges:**

24. Payments of princ. of debt	\$00 00	
25. Payments of int. on debt	00 00	
26. Payments of notes or bills from previous year	00 00	
	<hr/>	\$00 00
Total Payments for all Purposes		<hr/> \$18,601 98



## **PAYMENTS IN DETAIL**

July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928

### **1. Salaries of District Officers:**

Melvin W. Perry, School Board	\$50 00	
Leon K. Boutelle, School Board	50 00	
Marion L. Cass, School Board	15 00	
George L. Goodale, School Board	35 00	
Z. B. Kemp, Treasurer	30 00	
Harold H. Wilkins, Moderator	4 00	
William W. Sloan, Clerk	4 00	
Malcolm D. Clark, Auditor	2 00	
R. H. Prince, Auditor	2 00	
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		\$192 00

### **2. Superintendent's Salary Account:**

Harry N. Thomas, Treas., Union	
No. 40, acct. Harold C. Bales	\$425 00

### **3. Truant Officer and School Census:**

Jas. H. Atkinson, truant officer	\$10 00	
Clark's Garage, car, truant officer	2 50	
James P. Melzer, enum. cards	65	
Bertha L. Piper, school census	15 00	
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		\$28 15

### **4. Expenses of Administration:**

Harold C. Bales, post., tel., car-	
fares	\$10 16
Clark's Garage, car to Cricket	
Corner	1 75
Edson C. Eastman, record sheets	2 50
J. L. Hammett Co., pay envelopes	11
Jesse J. Morgan, 1/2 exp. Institute	4 47
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls	2 50
M. W. Merry, bond for treas.	8 00
Harry N. Thomas, treas Union	
No. 40, acct. clerk	200 00
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	\$229 49

## 5. Teachers' Salaries:

Berry, Helen M., Greeley 1-8	\$900 00	
Boutelle, Charlotte A., Po-		
nemah 1-8	816 95	
Mildred Foote, substitute	33 05	
Gogan, Katherine M., Border		
St., 1-6	900 00	
Jenkins, Viola I., 1, 2, 3	1000 00	
Lorden, Margaret E., North		
No. 8, 1-8	800 00	
Morgan, Jesse J., Hdm. High,		
7-8, Math., Bkkpg., Sci.	1750 00	
Piper, Bertha L., High, 7-8,		
Hist., Latin, Geog., Arith.	883 33	
Helen M. MacGowan, sub.	212 00	
Scott, Barbara M., Cricket Cor-		
ner, 1-6	892 00	
Mildred Foote, substitute	8 00	
Tingley, Mary A., 4, 5, 6	950 00	
Swett, Catherine, High, 7-8,		
French, Eng.	1150 00	
		\$10,295 33
High \$2992.42; Elem. \$7302.91		

## 6. Textbooks:

Allyn & Bacon	\$11 16
American Book Co.	123 76
D. Appleton & Co.	11 24
Arlo Publishing Co.	39 52
Ginn & Co.	60 96
Little, Brown & Co.	57 63
Houghton Mifflin Co.	53 01
Macmillan Co.	71 18
Jesse J. Morgan, express charges	
paid	1 16
Nat. Geographic Soc.	3 00
Scott, Foresman & Co.	70 60

Silver, Burdett & Co.	17 79	
Weekly News Review	15 00	
World Book Co.	29 75	
	<hr/>	\$565 76
High \$128.46; Elem. \$437.30		

### 7. Scholars' Supplies:

Clark's Garage	\$1 75	
Malcolm D. Clark	75	
J. L. Hammett Co.	55 30	
A. L. Martin	50	
Milton, Bradley Co.	80 60	
Jesse J. Morgan	1 50	
E. M. Parker	1 40	
Ryan & Buker	9 92	
World Book Co.	3 95	
	<hr/>	\$155 67
High \$22.48; Elem. \$133.19		

### 8. Flags and Appurtenances:

A. L. Martin, rope	\$1 00	
Charles Pherson, setting pole	14 25	
	<hr/>	\$15 25
High \$2.85; Elem. \$12.40		

### 9. Other Expenses of Instruction:

George N. Bosworth, World Al-		
manacs	\$3 15	
Clark's Garage, car for Miss		
MacGowan	1 00	
Ginn & Co., class books	2 97	
J. L. Hammett, supplies, diplomas		
engrossed, etc.	17 29	
Milton, Bradley Co., supplies	88	
	<hr/>	\$25 29
High \$6.81; Elem. \$18.48		

### 10. Janitors' Salaries:

Richard Arnold, Border St.	\$36 00	
Leon Hanson, Greeley	32 00	
George Ingram, Ponemah	36 00	
George Jenkins, Village	500 00	
Donald Roby, Cricket Corner	36 00	
Oline Sherman, North	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$676 00
High \$125.00; Elem. \$551.00		

### 11. Fuel:

J. H. Emery	\$34 50	
George P. Field	3 75	
R. N. Hare	\$27 00	
Fred W. Hubbard	23 25	
George Maihew	9 75	
Roy S. Parker	120 00	
E. H. Peaslee	69 63	
Charles Pherson	18 00	
F. C. Taylor	233 73	
Clarence L. Trow	30 00	
R. W. Weston	89 00	
	<hr/>	\$658 61
High \$64.88; Elem. \$573.73		

### 12. Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:

J. L. Hammett, towels and toilet paper	\$47 35
Z. B. Kemp, cleaning and oiling two floors	2 50
A. L. Martin, supplies	6 45
Milton, Bradley Co., jan. supplies	4 75
E. M. Parker, cartage	10
Public Service Co. of N. H., light and power	47 25

State Workshop for the Blind,		
brooms	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$117 40
High \$19.16; Elem. \$98.24		

### 13. Minor Repairs and Expenses:

H. H. Barber Co., shades, chairs	\$87 00	
Harold C. Bales, paid for glass, etc	65	
Mrs. M. A. Bliss, cleaning	10 00	
F. T. Boutelle, repairing piazza	24 08	
David N. Broome, repairing		
Greeley and Village	24 28	
H. J. Cochran, repairs at Village	3 00	
J. L. Hammett, bubbler	5 30	
George F. Hoeg, general repairs	116 98	
Border St., \$47.93		
No. School \$69.05		
Geo. A. Jenkins, labor, exp.	80 75	
H. R. Locke, labor, socket, re-		
pairing pump motor	10 59	
A. L. Martin, supplies	14 07	
M. W. Perry, rep. Village	13 00	
Carl W. Talbot, labor Border St.	1 30	
F. C. Taylor, labor and supplies	7 35	
	<hr/>	\$398 35
High \$93.36; Elem. \$304.99		

### 14. Medical Inspection:

Oscar Burns, M. D.	\$100 00	
Harold Parker, Treas. Red Cross.,		
acct. Miss Smith, school nurse	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00
High \$25.00; Elem. \$175.00		

### 15. Transportation of Pupils:

Roy Aiken	\$427 20
Malcolm D. Clark	1575 40

Horace Hanson	356 00	
	<hr/>	\$2358 60
High \$00.00; Elem. \$2358.00		

### 17. Elementary School Tuition:

Milford School District	\$206 81
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### 19. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

Henry E. Chamberlain, State Treas.,	
\$2 per pupil registered	
1926-1927	\$474 00

### 20. Other Fixed Charges:

Emma J. Epps, Lawrence prizes	\$12 40	
W. F. French Est., Lawrence		
prizes	7 43	
James E. Webster Est., Lawrence		
prizes	24 25	
	<hr/>	\$44 08

### 22. Alterations of Old Buildings:

Cricket Corner		
H. J. Cochran, chimney	\$45 85	
Edward H. Brown, furnace	135 00	
Geo. L. Goodale, carpentry	413 33	
(includes payrolls)		
R. W. Goodale, labor	19 09	
W. H. Grassett, labor	41 36	
J. L. Hammett, chemical toilets	190 00	
Hill Hdw. & Paint Co., stock	3 74	
A. L. Martin, stock	5 96	
Proctor Bros. & Co., stock	456 83	
William B. Reynolds, labor, stock	37 25	
R. W. Weston, labor, self and		
others	130 58	
David Whiting & Sons, cement	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$1498 99

### 23. New Equipment:

H. H. Barber Co., Forse shades, Village	\$37 20
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	<hr/> \$18,601 98
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General expenses	\$2928 91
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Support of high school	3500 42
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Support of elem. schools	12,172 65
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TOTAL	<hr/> \$18,601 98
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Audited July 5, 1928,

RODNEY H. PRINCE,

MALCOLM D. CLARK,

Auditors.

# BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR

## July 1, 1929 to June 30, 1930

### A. Amount required for the support of schools

	High	Elem.	Total
Teachers' salaries	\$2756	\$7269	\$10,025
Text books	75	325	400
Scholars' supplies	50	250	300
Flags and appurtenances	5	15	20
Other expenses of instruction	50	25	75
Janitor service	100	550	650
Fuel	100	450	550
Water, light, janitors' supplies	25	100	125
Minor repairs and expenses	50	250	300
Medical inspection	25	175	200
Transportation of pupils	00	2800	2800
Payment of tuitions		252	252
Other activities, prizes, etc.	10	26	36
	\$3246	\$12487	\$15,733

### B. Other statutory requirements

Salaries of school board	\$150
Salary of treasurer	30
Salary of truant officer and census enumerator	50
Salary of clerk	4
Salary of auditors	4
Salary of moderator	4
Superintendent's salary account	450
\$2.00 per capita tax payable Dec. 1929	476
For administration	250

Total required to meet School Board's Budget	\$17151
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### Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1929 (est.)	\$1000 00	
State Aid (Dec. 1929 allotment)	2696 00	
Dog tax (estimate)	200 00	
Income from Trust Funds (est.)	700 00	
Elem. school tuition receipts (estimate)	00	
	<hr/>	\$4596

Assessment Required for School Board's Budget	\$12,555
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MELVIN W. PERRY,  
MARION L. CASS,  
LEON BOUTELLE,  
School Board.

February 12, 1929.

## SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928

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### Dr.

Bal. on hand from previous yr.	\$292	59	
Appropriation, March 1927	13036	00	
Bal. of previous appropriations	900	00	
Money drawn on next year's account	1000	00	
Receipts from other sources:			
State Board (equalization)	3366	94	
Tuition (Harold Stroncer)	90	00	
Sale of property	12	00	
Spaulding School Fund	344	99	
Mary P. Nutt Fund	225	00	
Miss Lawrence Fund	36	00	
Aaron Lawrence Fund	63	57	
		669	56
Dog tax		227	96
			\$19,595 05

### Cr.

Pd. on orders school board	\$18,601	98	
Bal. on hand June 30, 1928	993	07	
			\$19,595 05

Z. B. KEMP,

Treasurer Amherst School District.

June 30, 1928.

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all  
State Aided Districts.)

This is to certify that we have examined the  
books, vouchers, bank statements and other finan-  
cial records of the treasurer of the school district of

Amherst, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and find them correct in all respects.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
MALCOLM D. CLARK,

Auditors.

July 5, 1928.

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### ABSTRACT OF CLERK'S REPORT

#### To State Board of Education, School Board and Selectmen

District Revenue voted March 1928 for Fiscal Year  
July 1, 1928 to June 30, 1929

Amount appropriated for:

Support of high school	\$3,510 00	
Support of elementary school	12,890 00	
Salaries of district officers	192 00	
Truant officer and census	50 00	
Superintendent's salary	425 00	
Expenses of administration	250 00	
\$2 per capita tax for supervis'n	478 00	
		\$17,795 00
Deficiency 1927-1928	200 00	
Insurance premium renewals	200 00	
Special repairs	600 00	
		\$18,795 00
Less Income (estimated)		3,179 00
Total Amount of Money to be Raised		\$15,616 00

WILLIAM W. SLOAN,  
Clerk of the School District.

March 19, 1928.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board of Amherst:

I herewith submit my tenth annual report, which is also the twentieth in the series of such reports.

### **Organization of Supervisory Union No. 40**

Districts forming this union are Amherst, Brookline, Milford and Mont Vernon. The School Boards of these four units together form a joint board which meets each year in the spring and nominates a superintendent. This nomination is approved and contract issued, provided the candidate meets the state requirements which must include: teaching experience of at least five years, college degree, and passing of all state examinations. The joint board determines the superintendent's salary, arranges clerical assistance in his office and provides for such further joint equipment and supplies as the needs of the Union require.

### **Teachers and Instruction**

Two changes only have occurred in the teaching staff since last year, both being in the High School; Mr. Morgan left to accept the headmastership of Epping High School, Miss Swett to take a position at Andover, Mass. The new headmaster is Mr. Mark Emerson of Milford. Mr. Emerson is a graduate of Dartmouth College and has had three years of teaching experience at Robert College, Constantinople. Miss Dorothy Story—now Mrs. Harriman—of Hopkinton, N. H., became the new assistant. She is a graduate of New Hampshire University 1928 in the teacher training course. The other teachers, Miss Piper, Miss Tingley, Miss Jenkins, Miss Scott, Miss Gogan, Miss Berry, and Miss Lorden, continue

in the High, Intermediate, Primary, Cricket Corner, Greeley and North schools respectively. Ponemah School has been closed, due to the small enrollment.

After one year without a music teacher it has become possible for the four towns in this union to join in employing a supervisor for full time. Amherst has one day per week (Tuesday). Every school including the rurals is visited weekly, weather permitting. For this work Miss Dorothy Cotton of Derry, N. H., was secured. She is a graduate of Boston Conservatory of Music and has had previous similar experience in a group of towns in Maine. Pupils seem to enjoy music, especially the younger children. In order that citizens may know what is being accomplished, it is planned to include music selections by various groups at high school graduation next June.

If we analyze the qualifications of our present teaching staff, we will find that two are college graduates, five hold normal school diplomas, and the remaining two, who are teachers older in service, have attended three or more normal sessions. Experience varies from three months to twenty years. Every teacher holds as high a form of certification as is possible; six have certificates and three licenses. These last are working toward their certificate, having already started to take the state examinations. A record like this is much above the average for a district with a small high school and several rural schools, and indicates that our teachers are well qualified for their positions. "Good Teaching" is our slogan this year.

### **Buildings and Equipment**

First let us review what has been done during the ten years since the new school law has been in

operation in New Hampshire. In addition to usual summer repairs, incident to natural wear and tear and to emergency expenses, the following things have been accomplished—all a part of the general plan to bring every used school building up to modern standards, especially with respect to heat, light, toilets and ventilation.

**Village:** The two-story building has had the old worn-out hot air heating system replaced by a modern steam heating plant, with new chimney. Lighting has been bettered by eliminating cross lights in the primary room and by installing better shades in the two west rooms on the lower floor. The quantity of light should be at least in the proportion of one square foot of lighting area to five square feet of floor area. This ratio does not exist. It is difficult to increase the amount of light, due to the brick construction of the building. The old outside toilets have been replaced by a complete flush type, made possible by a new well and pressure tank operated by an electric pump.

Rearrangement of the building to make room for these toilets made it possible to include a back stairway leading from the upper floor directly to the east entrance, at the same time securing direct access to this exit and toilet rooms from all rooms in the building. Incidentally, a new supply room became necessary and a new cloakroom for the Primary room. All of these things, however, worked into the general plan very conveniently.

Ventilation of all rooms in this building is as yet inadequate to secure a constant supply of fresh air. This can probably be remedied at a small cost. The appearance of the building has been greatly improved by the addition of porches at the front and side doors. These porches, in addition to affording

protection from the weather, give a chance for doors to swing out, a change demanded by state laws. The building has also been shingled and painted.

**Border Street:** This is a comparatively new building with a full sized basement and good lighting from left and rear only. Improvements have been installation of chemical toilets and grading to keep surface water out of the basement. One thing which would still better conditions is the replacement of the old type of box stove with a regular jacketed schoolroom heater, a device that gives more satisfactory results than would a furnace in the cellar. Water has to be brought from neighbors' for use in this school.

**Cricket Corner:** This property has been remodeled recently. Three-sided lighting has been changed to be largely from the left (north), with two windows in the rear (west). An addition was built on the east and a cellar dug under the building. The addition provides two inside toilet rooms with chemical toilets, a good supply room and a stairway to the cellar, where a driven well furnishes good water. A one-pipe furnace supplies heating. However, it has proved difficult to secure a uniform temperature and the fuel consumption is much greater than with a schoolroom jacketed heater. Of course it is a big advantage to have no stove in the room and to have all fuel in the cellar. Incidentally, shingling and painting were done and all out-buildings sold and removed, thus improving the appearance of the building and grounds. The neighborhood is much interested in this school and has contributed some of the labor for these improvements.

**Greeley School:** This building has been the most difficult to bring up to the standard, due to its location in an area surrounded by evergreen trees. By



changing the entrances from the east end to the southwest corner and building a new woodshed, it was possible to use the east and north sides for windows. The proportion of lighting area to floor area is now high, but needs to be on account of conditions mentioned above. Cross lighting, with bad reflections, which would have resulted from the west windows, was avoided by installing a dummy partition, one side of which is used for coat hooks with a shelf above for dinner boxes, while the other side carries blackboards, maps and bulletin board space. This idea works out wonderfully well in remodeling an old building. Heating has been made better by using an inexpensive home-made jacket around a common box stove with an intake of fresh air and an exit into the chimney for foul air. Should this equipment wear out, a schoolroom heater could be installed without alterations of the building. Toilets are of the old out-door type and should not be permanently continued now that satisfactory chemical toilets are available. Water is secured from a well and pump just across the road. This building has a good roof and has been recently painted.

**North or No. 8** schoolhouse was reopened in 1922 after some years of disuse. No attempt has been made to remodel this plant as enrollment is small and there is little probability of its becoming large. However, the interior and exterior have been kept freshly painted so that the schoolroom is suitable for use even though all standards are not met.

**Ponemah:** This was one of the first rural buildings to be remodeled. Although the room is small and low-posted, a change in location of windows, dummy partition, jacketed stove and rebuilding of old type toilets, made this schoolhouse conform closely to desired conditions. At present, the build-



ing is closed and the few children who did attend are transported to the village.

All other rural buildings in town have not been used for school purposes for ten years or more. They are deteriorating so rapidly and will have to be so extensively repaired and remodeled should they be needed for school use, that it would seem inexpedient to keep them and pay insurance and roof repairs year by year. Since they are property of the school district they can be disposed of only by action of the school district.

For this good progress in building improvements, the citizens of Amherst through their readiness to appropriate funds and the members of school boards through their wisdom in recommending and putting through such a far-sighted policy, are to be commended and thanked.

The needs remaining are those things yet to be done to complete the progress of making every building standard in all respects. They may be summed up as follows:

Village: Ventilation system, better lighting.

Border Street: Regular schoolroom heater with ventilating attachment.

Cricket Corner: Minor items only.

Greeley: Better toilets.

North: Slate blackboards at once. Remodeling if enrollment becomes larger and the school is kept open.

### **Transportation**

Two phases of this subject will be considered:

First, transportation of pupils who live more than two miles from any school. For such children, difficulties of remote homes and back roads often are solved by short side routes which lead into larger

motorized routes on a main road, or deliver children directly at a rural school.

Secondly, transportation arranged when a school is closed—due usually to small enrollment. Many factors, however, enter into the question of whether a rural school should be kept open or pupils transported. Some of these are: number of children, age of children, competition in grades, boarding place for teacher, condition of school building, attitude of neighborhood, necessity for transportation to the rural school itself, and distances of children who must walk to the rural school. The advantages resulting from transportation are almost always those received when pupils become part of a larger school unit where there are many pupils in each grade, fewer grades per teacher, and teachers with more experience. When a school becomes small and the condition of roads makes motor transportation possible most of the year, it is usually better for a rural school to be closed. Cost of transporting children seldom exceeds cost of maintaining a rural school and is almost always much less. Each case should be considered on its own merits with the school opportunity for the children themselves the deciding factor.

### **Professional Activities and Opportunities**

During the past ten year period, members of the school board have become more and more interested in professional activities. They have at various times visited Keene Normal School, made trips to other schools to see the work of other teachers, and attended conventions and institutes, both in the state and outside. Visits and meetings of this sort enable those whom you have elected to have charge of your schools to see how pupils are taught elsewhere, to confer with other school board mem-

bers and to hear general and special discussions by prominent educators of the country. The result is a broader general outlook, and better understanding of modern school needs and so an increased ability to solve local problems. Teachers, likewise, enjoy these professional meetings and appreciate the willingness and desire of local authorities that they should attend them all. The superintendent of course considers it to be his duty to be present at state and local meetings and, whenever possible, at national meetings. During the ten years past he has been at nearly every meeting of the New Hampshire State Teachers' Association which meets in October, at the spring meetings of the Merrimack Valley Teachers' Association which meets in Manchester in May, and at all of the local institutes conducted by the State Board of Education. These last meetings are usually held in small towns for the benefit of younger and inexperienced teachers. One such institute was held in Brookline on October 11, 1926. In 1924, 1927, 1928, 1929 your superintendent attended the winter meetings of the National Education Association at Chicago, Ill., Dallas, Texas, Boston, Mass., and Cleveland, Ohio. These national meetings are a great inspiration. The one in Boston was so near that practically every teacher and many school board members in this union attended. All time spent in this manner brings good returns to local school systems.

The opportunities for training for teachers in New Hampshire have been much developed during ten years. Whereas a few years ago, high school graduation was the goal of some but not the accomplishment of a majority, today, college graduation has become a common goal and the accomplishment of many. Expressed in another way, this means that

the general public has come to demand that there should be an opportunity open to all for studying beyond the high school—perhaps at college or normal school, or at training schools for nurses, etc. As a result our own state college has now become New Hampshire University, opening its doors widely to girls and boys and receiving them in great numbers. Likewise, our normal schools at Keene and Plymouth have had to expand rapidly to meet the demands upon them. Keene has grown in ten years from 152 to 483 and Plymouth from 88 to 335.

The shortages of teachers during the war has ceased and with it the need for large summer schools to train emergency candidates. Instead the summer courses are held at Keene and Plymouth in alternate years (Keene 1929).

New Hampshire University also maintains a summer school that is very well patronized.

The "aim of the summer school is now to give advanced training, or a period of renewed study to active teachers. No longer is it recommended that the least successful teachers go to the summer school for possible improvement but rather that the thoroughly successful make of their summers a time for advancement and promotion." (1)

(1) 1927-1928 Report of State Board of Education, page 138

"The normal schools have one purpose only—completely to train sufficient teachers for all public schools of New Hampshire." (2)

(2) 1927-1928 Report of State Board of Education, page 142

To this end they have a two year course for elementary teachers, a three year course for junior high candidates, and since 1926 a full four year course with a degree of Bachelor of Education for those who plan to teach in senior high schools.

Keene alone offers four year curricula in home economics, English and mechanic arts and Plymouth

alone in commerce and history. The object throughout is to train "teacher" specialists rather than "subject" specialists. Such a procedure is correct because most high school teachers begin their careers in small high schools where more than one subject is assigned to them.

"Enrollment in the four year curricula is strictly limited to selected students and in any year may not exceed thirty graduates for both schools."

### **Conclusion**

Now that our buildings are nearly all remodeled into schoolhouses meeting modern standards, presumably adequate for several years to come, our attention may well be given to building up and maintaining a higher level of scholarship than has prevailed during the past ten years. This will come about by focusing our attention on the most important link in the educational chain—"Good Teaching."

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BALES.

February 14, 1929.

# ENROLLMENT AS OF JANUARY 31, 1929

Amherst High School					
Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	Total
Girls	7	10	3	1	21
Boys	5	1	0	0	6
Totals	12	11	3	1	27
Age 13-14	3	1			4
Age 14-15	4	3			7
Age 15-16	3	5	1		9
Age 16-17	1	2	2		5
Age 17-18	1			1	2
Age 18-19					0
Age 19-20					0
Totals	12	11	3	1	27

## Enrollment of Elementary Schools

Name of School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Village	20	10	11	9	13	12	27	8	110
Border St.	1	3	2	2	0	4	0	0	12
Cricket Corner	1	3	1	4	4	4	0	0	17
Greeley	3	1	3	1	2	5	1	0	16
North No. 8	2	1	2	0	2	1	5	0	13
Ponemah (closed)									
Total	27	18	19	16	21	26	33	8	168
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Girls	14	11	10	9	10	8	19	4	85
Boys	13	7	9	7	11	18	14	4	83

## Age-Grade Table for Elementary Schools

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Age 5-6	5								5
Age 6-7	11	2							13
Age 7-8	8	9	2						20
Age 8-9	1	3	13	5	1				22
Age 9-10	2	2	4	5	6	1			20
Age 10-11		2		2	5	4			13
Age 11-12				3	4	9	10		26
Age 12-13				1	2	5	9	1	18
Age 13-14					3	5	5	4	17
Age 14-15						1	7	3	11
Age 15-16						1	2		3
Over 16									0
Totals	27	18	19	16	21	26	33	8	168

Grand total all schools, 195

## GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1927-1928

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Number of weeks in school year	36
Average number of days schools were actually in session	177
Average number of days lost from all causes	3
Number of one-room schools maintained	5
Average membership of the one-room schools: 15.26   19.36   18.59   10.91   6.39	
Whole number of different pupils registered: Boys 102; Girls 119; Total	*221
Enrollment by Grades: I-33; II-20; III-18; IV-26; V-23; VI-33; VII-24; VIII-13; IX-14; X-7; XI-2; XII-8	*221
*Of this number 11 had previously attended a New Hampshire school during the year; 2 were tuition pupils—1 high and 1 ele- mentary. Also 13 elementary pupils and 8 high school pupils from Amherst at- tended schools in Merrimack, Milford and Nashua	
Total Amherst pupils attending public schools	233
This is the basis of the \$2 tax payable Dec. 1929	
Average membership in high school	25.58
Average daily attendance in high school	27.81
Per cent of attendance in high school for the year	97.29
Average membership in elementary schools	165.15
Average daily attendance in elem. schools	153.96
Per cent of attendance in elem. schools	95.59
Average daily attendance in all schools	181.77
Per cent of attendance in all school for the year	93.82
Number of cases of tardiness in all schools	325



Average cases of tardiness per pupil	1.6
Number of cases of tardiness in high school	34
Average cases of tardiness in high school per pupil	1.2
Number not absent nor tardy during year	14
Salary of headmaster	\$1750
Average salary of elementary teachers	\$900
Number of visits made to schools by:	
School Board members	34
Superintendent	282
Citizens (including special occasions)	272
Number of School Board meetings	12

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### **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 1928**

Donald Davis	Olive Hill
Leon Gaidmore	Doris Ladd
Blanche Goodale	Florence LaMore
Harold Stroncer	

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### **PUPILS WHO COMPLETED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JUNE 1928**

Alice M. Converse, Ernestine E. Converse, Dorothy Emery, Doris S. Hanson, Eric W. Hare, Isabelle D. Martin, Ernest H. Odell, Maurice Ritchie, Lucy Swenson, Ella Taylor, Fred Yunggebauer.

All registered in High School September 1928.

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### **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

#### **School Year 1927-1928**

Catherine Arnold, George Bliss, Loretta Bliss, Isabel Davis, Frank Martin, Carl Merrill, Evelyn Monson, Ruth Noble, Louise Palmer, Donald Roby, Oline Sherman, Hester Small, Miriam Small, Harold Stroncer.



## **From September 5, 1928 to January 31, 1929**

### **High School**

#### **Elementary Schools**

Village: George Bliss, Loretta Bliss, Bernice Dunklee, Marion Hayward, Albert Ingram, Ridgeway McArthur, Evelyn Monson, Signe Monson, Arlene Perry, Ella Taylor.

Border Street: None.

Cricket Corner: Stella Michalewicz.

Greeley: Mildred Fisher.

North: Edith Noble, Marjorie Noble, Ruth Noble, Oline Sherman.

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## **RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS SEPTEMBER 1928**

Mr. Mark F. Emerson, Enumerator

Number of children 5-16 years of age	
Boys 108; Girls 117; Total	225
Total number of children (5-16)	
registered as members of local public schools on Sept. 30, 1928	197
(Also nine over 16)	
Number of children attending elementary school outside of district	9
Number of children 5-16 who are attending high school outside of the district	2
Others over 16 years of age attending high school outside of district	3
Number 5 to 8 years not attending school	12
Number 8 to 14 not attending school	2
Number 14 to 16 not attending school	4
Number of tuition pupils in elementary schools	1
Number of tuition pupils in high school	0

## REPORT OF HEADMASTER OF HIGH SCHOOL

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To the School Board, Superintendent of Schools and the Citizens of Amherst, N. H.:

I hereby submit my first annual report.

Since this is our only opportunity of informing the citizens of Amherst what we are doing in the school we should like to consider it as addressed to them as well as to the School Board and Superintendent.

There are many people who disparage the utility and efficiency of small high schools. Though we realize very keenly the difficulties which they present, such as a limited curricula, small classes, and a heavy teaching burden, nevertheless we are trying to make your school the best that it possibly can be in spite of these conditions. Our purpose is to make the work as practical and useful as possible through the curricula which we can offer, and at the same time to keep it up to a high standard and make it as interesting as it can be to the pupils. To accomplish this we are doing a large amount of problem and project work in which the pupils actually collect information and material and do things themselves. We are setting the standards high because we believe that though the pupils may find it difficult they will enjoy it more since they will feel that they are actually accomplishing something worth while and getting the most that they can from school. If this seems at times to keep the marks low it makes them the more significant. Moreover low marks are no disgrace as long as the pupil is doing his best. All we desire is that the parents shall see that their children are doing all of which they are capable. In order to get the most from their school work we believe that the average pupil

should spend at least an hour in study at home each day.

Our curricula remain the same as that published in preceding years except for one change. The junior and senior course in Economics and Business Practice has been shortened to half a year and the remaining half is given to a course in elementary sociology, which we believe to be an intensely valuable subject. One very beneficial change has been made in the organization of classes in the seventh and eighth grades. These two grades formerly had English, Geography, and Science together. This made a very large class and one of very widely varying abilities. In order to improve the instruction all the teachers voluntarily agreed to separate the classes in their particular subject though it meant from three to five more teaching periods per week and giving up of all study periods. This results in a teaching load greater than the average for high schools.

Miss Piper continues to teach the History, Latin and Geography; Mrs. Harriman has all of the English and French classes; and the Headmaster handles the Mathematics, Science, Commercial Geography, Economics and Sociology. All of the teachers now have seven periods a day of classes. Such a large number makes it impossible to make the preparation and give the individual attention which we would like and which should be given. If another teacher could be employed or a cadet for part time it would relieve the burden on the present staff, give them more opportunity to specialize, make it possible to further separate some of the classes now combined, and perhaps allow some enlargement in the curricula.

In addition to the actual classroom work we be-

lieve that outside activities have a very legitimate place in the program as a means of instruction and to develop an affection and interest among the pupils for their school. To fulfill this need "The Triple Entente Association," which was organized last year to handle all outside activities, has been continued. Every pupil is a member. The Association meets during the Assembly period every Wednesday and transacts its business in strict parliamentary form, all of which is good training in itself. We have tried to make these activities appropriate to the community. Two examples were a corn roast and a mountain climbing expedition held on Saturdays. In athletics we held a school track meet last fall to encourage healthy physical development. The name of High Point winner was engraved on a permanent cup kept at the school. The girls have had a lot of beneficial exercise and exhilarating sport in their practice for basketball. Unfortunately we have not had enough boys to form a team this year. The Association is now working hard in the preparation of their annual publication, "The Broadcaster." They are also getting ready to give a play. An Old Fashioned Dance was given in the fall and an appropriate program was put on at Christmas. Two excellent examples of school and community spirit shown by the Association were the purchase of a string of lights to be used on the community Christmas tree, and the matter they are now considering of buying a show case to contain the collection of geological specimens and historic relics presented to the school by Mr. Richard Ware. We herewith express our appreciation of that gift and extend to Mr. Ware our sincere thanks.

The Prize Speaking Contest sponsored by the Grange gave excellent practice in public speaking

to those taking part. This was held in the town hall on the evening of January 18, 1929.

The statistics are interesting this year since the enrollment is the largest we have ever had. There were 68 pupils registered when school began Sept. 6. Of these thirty-seven were in the seventh and eighth grades and thirty-one in the high school. As there are only fifty-eight seats in the main room, the seventh grade had to be put in a home room of their own with Miss Piper in charge. Since the beginning of school eight have left and three have entered, making the present total sixty-three. The enrollment by classes is now: seventh, 27; eighth, 9; freshmen, 12; sophomores, 11; juniors, 3; seniors, 1. There are only six boys in the four classes of the high school. The attendance has been good.

The graduates of last year are taking their part in community life as follows. Donald Davis and Leon Gaidmore are working at home. Harold Stroncer and Florence Lamore are working in Milford. Doris Ladd is training to be a nurse at a hospital in Lynn, and Blanche Goodale is planning to enter a hospital soon for the same purpose. Olive Hill has been married and is living in Milford.

The school building is in very good condition. The heating of one of the rooms is still unsatisfactory. The situation has been remedied temporarily by the use of an oil heater, but a permanent remedy should be made as soon as possible. The atmosphere of the building could be made more healthful by the installation of some positive system of ventilation, especially in the toilet rooms.

One of our greatest regrets has been our lack of personal contact with the parents and citizens of Amherst. We would greatly appreciate it if you would come to visit us and the school when it is in

session. We are always only too glad to talk over any problems or suggestions with you.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK F. EMERSON,

Headmaster.

February 12, 1929.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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To the School Board of Amherst, N. H.:

I herewith submit my annual report of the school examination, which was made in September 1928:

Number of pupils examined	204
Number of teachers examined	9
Pupils not present	5
Teeth	135
Tonsils	32
Adenoids	32
Glands (enlarged)	3
Cardiac disease	5
Anaemia	3
Orthopedic	6
Pulmonary	1
Pediculosis	5
Unvaccinated (without proper excuse)	*13

Respectfully submitted,  
OSCAR BURNS, M. D.

February 2, 1929.

\*All of these cases now comply with the law. .



## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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To Mr. Harold C. Bales, Superintendent of Schools,  
Amherst, N. H.:

The following is my second report of the health work in the Amherst schools, it being the eleventh year of this work.

The usual medical inspection was carried on last September by Dr. Oscar Burns, the nurse assisting. Dr. Burns' report gives a tabulated account of the physical defects.

The report of the eye and ear tests, completed by the teachers, shows that there are twelve pupils with defective vision and four with defective hearing.

In averaging the height and weight records I find that there are seventy-three pupils ten per cent or more underweight. This seems to be a large number in comparison with the attendance of children in the schools. During the coming year with the assistance of the teachers I feel certain that much of this sub-normal weight may be corrected.

. Health talks and general inspections for cleanliness have been given in the schools at intervals, especially in the lower grades.

Thus far this year the schools have been fortunate in avoiding outbreaks of contagious diseases.

It is hoped that with the cooperation of parents and teachers with the school nurse the progress in health work will continue to advance.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA L. SMITH, R. N.

February 11, 1929.



# ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR SUPERVISORY SCHOOL UNION NO. 40 FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1927-1928

## MILFORD, N. H.

(Average Per Cent of Attendance 95.86)

School & Grades	A	B	C	D	Name of Teacher	E	F
New Elem. VI	50	6	8	97.76	Miss Clarkin	7	9½
New Elem. III	28	14	2	97.24	Miss Sutherland	9	27
Laurel I-III	20	24	0	97.11	Miss King	2	3
North I-VI	15	6	2	96.92	Mrs. Jennison	7	16
Milford Jr. High	168	73	22	96.74	Mr. Reed & Ass'ts.	5	10
New Elem. VI	47	3	3	96.71	Mrs. Powers	19	19
New Elem. III	30	8	1	96.28	Miss Young	8	9
Milford High	197	133	16	96.23	Mr. Reed & Ass'ts.	5	10
New Elem. V	46	2	4	95.99	Mrs. Trumbull	19	27
New Elem. V	40	9	1	95.69	Miss Tobie	23	43
New Elem. II	28	17	3	95.57	Miss Dearth	4	10
New Elem. IV	34	14	0	95.24	Mrs. Hagar	10	15
Osgood I-V	28	6	2	95.10	Miss Mack	8	38
New Elem. IV	32	11	2	95.02	Miss Shea	4	7
New Elem. I	31	31	2	94.46	Miss Pettee	24	34
Pine Valley IV	39	81	1	94.40	Mrs. Berube	4	15½
New Elem. II	33	21	0	93.32	Miss Kieley	18	21½
New Elem. I	40	58	0	91.21	Miss Butler	2	9

## AMHERST, N. H.

(Average Per Cent of Attendance 93.82)

School & Grades	A	B	C	D	Name of Teacher	E	F
Amherst High	31	34	6	97.29	Mr. Morgan & Ass'ts.	2	2
Village VII-VIII	34	16	2	96.66	Mr. Morgan & Ass'ts.	2	2
North No. 8 I-VIII	11	26	2	96.84	Miss Lorden	1	1
Cricket Cor. I-VI	23	13	2	95.09	Miss Scott	2	2
Border Street I-VI	18	39	0	95.04	Miss Gogan	4	4
Ponemah I-VIII	7	23	0	94.61	Miss Boutelle	5	6
Village IV-V-VI	38	74	2	93.16	Miss Tingley	1	4½
Greeley I-VI	22	39	0	90.46	Miss Berry	1	12
Village I-III	43	61	0	88.79	Miss Jenkins	8	20

## MONT VERNON, N. H.

(Average Per Cent of Attendance 92.05)

School & Grades	A	B	C	D	Name of Teacher	E	F
Village V-VIII	16	34	0	95.71	Miss Stevens	1	1
Village I-IV	23	35	0	89.71	Miss M. Richardson	1	1

## BROOKLINE, N. H.

(Average Per Cent of Attendance 90.38)

School & Grades	A	B	C	D	Name of Teacher	E	F
Intermediate IV-V	18	3	1	91.72	Miss Morse	2	2
Primary I-II-III	48	5	2	90.59	Miss Cummings	2	2
Grammar VI-VII-VIII	31	31	1	89.48	Miss A. Richardson	1	1

## KEY

A—Number of Pupils Enrolled

B—Number of Tardinesses

C—Number of Pupils Not Absent nor Tardy

D—Per Cent of Attendance

E—Years of Service in District

F—Total Years of Service

# VITAL STATISTICS

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## BIRTHS

### Births Registered in Town of Amherst, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1928

Date, Name of Child, Name of Father, Maiden Name of Mother

Aug. 9. Joan Peters. Ashford Peters. Muriel McKenzie.  
Aug. 22. Ruth I. Long. Charles A. Long. Ruth Palmer.  
Aug. 23. Patricia Gibbs. George H. Gibbs. Evelyn A. McLellan.  
Aug. 30. Charles E. Duval. John Duval. Esther Hicks.  
Sept. 5. Infant Daniels. Arthur L. Daniels. Ruth Denison.  
Sept. 21. Elsie L. Potter. Leslie A. Potter. Alma Shaw.  
Sept. 21. John A. Hanson. Horace Hanson. Etta M. Adams.  
Nov. 9. Arthur A. Henderkson. Arthur Henderkson. Caroline Brown.  
Aug. 27. Barbara R. Howard. Frederick V. Howard. Elinor Erskine.  
Dec. 30. Harold L. Cutting. Harold J. Cutting. Lucy Odell.  
Jan. 1. Pauline A. Long. Edward Long. Dorothy Tower.  
Jan. 23. Bernice M. Bragdon. Orson Bragdon. Helen Newton.  
Feb. 28. Russell B. Kimball. Oliver Kimball. Annie P. Smith.  
Feb. 28. David A. Demeritt. John Demeritt. Marion Bennett.  
Mar. 30. Robert B. Martin. Gero Martin. Viola E. Blair.  
May 8. Gordon P. Bowler. Geo. Bowler 2nd. Inez Peterson.  
June 3. June P. Young. John A. Young. Maysie H. Travis.  
June 6. Jean C. Burpee. Charles Burpee. Lulna Clough.  
June 16. Ronald E. Frost. Clarence Frost. Martha E. Byam.  
June 15. Charles E. Hanson. Edwin Hanson. Almie Palmer.  
June 19. Laura E. Dion. Alfred Dion. Edith M. Davis.  
June 22. Norman K. Stimson. Earl Stimson. Mary Caccivio.  
June 12. Shirley Underwood. Arthur Underwood. Lillian Newshane.

## MARRIAGES

### Marriages Registered in Amherst for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1928

Date, Names of Parties, Where Married, Name of Party Performing Ceremony

Jan. 25. Charles A. Long and Ruth E. Palmer, Amherst, Rev. George F. Sibley.  
Feb. 2. William C. Frost and Nellie B. Smith, Amherst, Rev. George F. Sibley.  
Mar. 18. Leslie E. Miles and Viola Race, Goffstown, Ralph F. Wakefield.  
May 13. Alfred Max Isleib and Carolyn L. Sibley, Amherst, Rev. George F. Sibley.

- June 30. Walter I. Batchelder and Almeda A. Frost, Nashua, E. F. Norris, Clergyman.
- Aug. 28. Henry Grant and Agnes Donovan, Amherst, Earle Y. Fellows, Clergyman.
- Sept. 5. Leonard M. Hayward and Kathleen T. Regerson, Amherst, Earle Y. Fellows, Clergyman.
- Sept. 26. Howard B. Crooker and Leona K. Langille, Gul Shore, W. A. Patterson, Clergyman.
- Oct. 17. John James Dorcas and Flora Louise Wood, Amherst. G. Huntington, Clergyman.
- Oct. 27. Edward N. Henderson and Doris Heath, Ponemah, Edwin S. Tasker, Clergyman.

### DEATHS

#### Deaths Registered in Amherst for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1928

Date, Name, Age, Name of Father, Name of Mother

- Jan. 10. James E. Allard, 62 years, 4 mos., 22 days. Charles Allard. Albina Wentworth.
- Feb. 3. Harry Walton Monson, Jr. 0 years, 0 days. Harry W. Monson. Edith Hann.
- Feb. 3. Edith M. Goodale, 54 yrs., 3 mos., 12 days. Harding Rich. Elizabeth Center.
- Feb. 19. June Douglas, 2 yrs., 8 mos., 2 days. Clarence Douglas. Ella M. Richardson.
- Feb. 20. Herbert Noble, 47 yrs., 1 mo., 14 days. Charles Noble. Geraldine Rakin.
- Mar. 4. Terence Clarkin, 60 yrs., 14 days. Peter Clarkin. Catherine McGuire.
- Apr. 25. Tida W. Moulton, 47 yrs., 10 mos., 9 days. Carolas Cole. Saloma Hancock.
- Apr. 30. John A. Boutelle, 89 yrs., 6 mos.
- May 12. George A. MacLellan, 74 yrs, 4 mos., 7 days. John F. MacLellan. Mary J. Mosher.
- May 5. Sarah L. Parkhurst, 68 yrs., 2 mos., 19 days. Obadiah Kimball. Elizabeth Flint.
- Apr. 15. Alpheus J. Stevens. 78 yrs., 5 days. Alpheus Stevens. Emeline Currier.
- July 26. Hannah Broderick, 79 years. Thomas Condon. Mary Sheenan.
- Aug. 12. Joseph Chisholm. 22 years. Alexander Chisholm. Susan Barry.
- Aug. 19. Agnes Martin, 82 years.
- Sept. 4. Frank Arthur Smith, 74 years, 8 mos., 4 days. J. Ely Smith. Lydia Butterfield.

Oct. 5. Herbert H. Patterson, 21 years, 6 mos., 28 days. Herbert L. Patterson. Harriet Howard.  
Nov. Andrew Faber, 83 yrs., 3 mos., 6 days. Hans Faber, Wilhelmina Peterson.  
Dec. 7. Emma B. McKean, 65 yrs., 6 mos., 21 days. George Lawley. Martha Rinze.  
Dec. 10. Emma J. Fowle, 77 yrs., 7 mos., 8 days. Isaac Hodgman. Emma Mitchell.

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. W. SLOAN, Town Clrk.



